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Amendments to the Specification:

Please add paragraph numbers [0001] - [0086] in the specification.

After paragraph [0001], please add the sub-heading: **--CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS--**.

In new paragraph [0002], please add the following text:

--This is a US national phase application of PCT/EP2005/050877, filed March 1, 2005, which claims priority to a German Registration No. 04100813.7, filed March 1, 2004, the contents of each of which are expressly incorporated herein by reference.--

After new paragraph [0002], please add the sub-heading: **--BACKGROUND--**.

After paragraph [0015], please add the sub-heading: **-- BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWING--**.

In new paragraph [0016], please add the following text:

--Figure 1 shows the course of the concentration of low-molecular weight HES and high-molecular weight HES in the plasma after infusion over time.--

After new paragraph [0016], please add the sub-heading: **--DETAILED DESCRIPTION--**.